

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-43. (canceled).

44. (new): A hinge-lid box for a cigarette group (13) wrapped in an inner blank or for other block-shaped articles as pack contents, comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), the box part (10) having a relatively wide box front wall (14), a corresponding box rear wall (15), relatively narrow box side walls (16) and a base wall (17), and the lid (11) having a relatively wide lid front wall (18), a corresponding lid rear wall (19), relatively narrow lid side walls and an end wall (21), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the lid (11) is connected in a pivotable manner to the box part (10) in a region of the lid rear wall (19), on one hand, and to the box rear wall (15), on the other hand, by a transversely directed linear articulation (22),

b) formed above and/or beneath the pack contents is a cavity or a free chamber (50, 51) which is bounded in an outward direction in the region of the lid (11) at least by the end wall (21), the lid front wall (18) and the lid rear wall (19) and in a region of the box part below the pack contents by the base wall (17), box front wall (14) and box rear wall (15), and is bounded in an inner direction by the pack contents,

c) the chamber (50, 51) is arranged symmetrically in relation to a transverse, central vertical plane of the pack, and

d) the end wall (21) and/or base wall (17) have/has a predominantly arcuate configuration, running from one lid side wall (20) to the other lid side wall (20) and/or from one of the box side walls (16) to the other of the box side walls (16),

e) lateral sub-regions of the end wall (21) and/or base wall (17), namely side sections (25), comprise extended end tabs (27, 28) of inner lid side tabs (30) and box side tabs (29),

f) the end wall (21) and/or the base wall (17) are/is at least double-layered design in a central section (26), a crosspiece (35) being arranged on an outside of the end wall (21) and/or the base wall (17), and

g) end regions of the end tabs (27, 28) are fastened on an inner side of the crosspiece (35).

45. (new): A hinge-lid box for a cigarette group (13) wrapped in an inner blank or for other block-shaped articles as pack contents, comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), the box part (10) having a relatively wide box front wall (14), a corresponding box rear wall (15), relatively narrow box side walls (16) and a base wall (17), and the lid (11) having a relatively wide lid front wall (18), a corresponding lid rear wall (19), relatively narrow lid side walls and an end wall (21), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the lid (11) is connected in a pivotable manner to the box part (10) in a region of the lid rear wall (19), on one hand, and to the box rear wall (15), on the other hand, by a transversely directed linear articulation (22),

b) formed above and/or beneath the pack contents is a cavity or a free chamber (50, 51) which is bounded in an outward direction in a region of the lid (11) at least by the end wall

(21), the lid front wall (18) and the lid rear wall (19) and in a region of the box part below the pack contents by the base wall (17), box front wall (14) and box rear wall (15), and is bounded in an inner direction by the pack contents,

c) the chamber (50, 51) is arranged symmetrically in relation to a transverse, central vertical plane of the pack,

d) the end wall (21) and/or the base wall (17) comprise/comprises a plurality of in each case planar sections which are directed at an angle to one another, namely two obliquely directed side sections (25) and a horizontally or transversely directed central section (26),

e) the obliquely directed side sections (25) adjoin the box side walls (20, 16), on the one hand, and the central section (26), on the other hand, at an obtuse angle in each case,

f) lateral sub-regions of the end wall (21) and/or base wall (17), namely the side sections (25), comprise extended end tabs (27, 28) of inner lid side tabs (30) and box side tabs (29),

g) the end wall (21) and/or the base wall (17) are/is of at least double-layered design in a central section (26), a crosspiece (35) being arranged on an outside of the end wall (21) and/or the base wall (17), and

h) end regions of the end tabs (27, 28) are fastened on an inner side of the crosspiece (35).